

SAITO et al  
Appl. No. 10/023,220  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

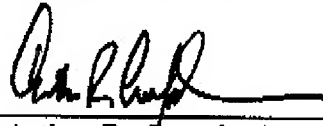
Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 have been canceled and only allowed claims 7-16 will be active in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

Allowance of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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